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SOURCE:

Administration and Party

1. There are Russian and Lithuanian administrative officials in the towns and villages of the Lithuanian SSR; the Lithuanians act as assistants to the Russians. Formerly, this was not the case, but little by little the Lithuanians have had to leave the higher positions. Not all officials are Party members, but all chiefs and those in responsible positions must be either Communists or Party candidates. Younger officials must be Komsomol members. Almost anyone can be bribed, including all officials, judges, and Party members. According to source, one can protect his rights only with whisky, cigarettes, and money. The inhabitants do not like the administration and they visit only those offices which are important. According to source, the Communist Party chairman in Klaipeda is changed so often that he can not remember the name of any of them. This is one of the officials who is ignored by the inhabitants. There is no propaganda in Lithuania to encourage the joining of the Communist Party; on the contrary, a person has to fight to be accepted and, even then, for five years is only a candidate for membership. Komsomol members are recruited by the school teachers. There are certain advantages to being a Communist Party member. For example, Party members can always find adequate housing in a new town, even if they are unemployed. Also, they may buy what they need from special shops where everything is available and prices are low. As in the case of Party members, administrative officials are well-dressed and can live in nice, well-furnished apartments.

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2. Among the officials known to be holding office during the period reported on were the following:
- a. Cibers (fnu) of Vilnius. As of the first six months of 1949, he was the director of the Planning Trust (Planavimo Trestas).
 - b. Laurinaitis (fnu), also in the Planning Trust, in the capacity of deputy and inspector for the city of Klaipeda.
 - c. Peleckis (fnu), also in the Planning Trust, as deputy for Klaipeda.
 - d. Gelzinis (fnu). As of the last six months of 1949 and until July 1950, this person was the chief of the Klaipeda Land Registry Office (known in Lithuania as the Office of Inventory). Gelzinis studied at the Gymnasium of Vytautas the Great in Klaipeda.
 - e. Rikardas Armonas, inspector at the Land Registry Office.
 - f. Gurauskas (fnu), director of the Klaipeda Board of Trade. Source describes him as a very decent and able man. Gurauskas tried to join the Communist

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- g. Paleckis, Justas, president of the LSSR.

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- h. Jaudzemaite, Miss (fnu), vice-director of the Lithuanian college.

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3. Everyone is forced to participate in the celebrations of state holidays such as May First and the Anniversary of the October Revolution. The parades are really forced marches, since the name of each person participating is checked and those not participating are looked upon as enemies of the State. Lithuanians complain mostly about their unfortunate lives and the fact that they cannot obtain the things which are available to Party members only. Whenever something [war scare] happens in the West, there is always an immediate lack of food in Klaipeda, although there is no danger of famine. The Lithuanians and even the younger Russians are waiting for war to come and liberate them. It is said that, were there a war, the Soviets would even have to leave Gdya [Belorussia] and the Ukraine.

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